(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for not regulating the contractor workers working in prohibited categories on the roll of the principal employer (CONCOR) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (d) The Government is not aware of any substantiated complaint in this regard. However, some parties have filed complaints in the courts alleging violation of Contract labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970. The matter is sub-judice.

Computerised Reservation System at Darjeeling

4395. SHRI DAWA LAMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider providing computerised Passenger Reservation system at Darjeeling;

(b) if so, time frame thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Necessary infrastructure is ready and computerised reservation system will be commissioned shortly.

(c) Does not arise.

Two Coach Train between Allahabad and Delhi

4396. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Minister herself is trying to enforce strict austerity measures;

(b) whether it is also a fact that two senior officials, by creating a two coach train costing the Railways nearly rupees one lakh for the seven hour journey from Allahabad to Delhi, had misused their authority on Sunday, the April 2, 2000, not realizing the very fact that half a dozen regular trains ply from Allahabad to Delhi;

(c) if so, what is the correct position; and

(d) what action has been taken against the erring officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Engine No 20412 based at Ghaziabad, was required to go "light only" (without train) to the Electric Loco-shed, Ghaziabad. As the Engine

was anyway going towards Ghaziabad for necessary repairs and schedule maintenance, this opportunity was utilised by senior official to reach Delhi to attend an important meeting with the General Manager at New Delhi on 3.4.2000. Since the loco movement was essentially made for operational reasons, no significant extra expenditure was involved.

(d) Instructions have been issued to avoid recurrence of such situations as far as possible especially in view of on-going austerity drive.

Railway Wagon/Coach manufacturing Factory in Assam

4397. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a similar railway wagon/coach manufacturing factory in Assam as was set up at Kapurthala in Punjab to pull away youths from terrorist and secessionist activities by generating employment opportunities for them as conditions in Assam are almost similar to the conditions that existed in Punjab a few years back; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The available wagon/coach manufacturing capacity in the country is considered adequate to meet the present needs.

Status/Progress of Railway Projects cleared by CCEA

4398. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI:
MISS MARBEL REBELLO ′.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the status/progress of 12 railway projects cleared by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 4th February, 1999, costing to Rs. 2,529 Crores;

(b) what are the figures, project-wise; and

(c) when would these projects be completed, giving the details thereof, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Details regarding the 12 Railway projects including their costs, expenditure incurred on these projects up to March, 2000, budget allocation for 2000-01 and present status are given in the attached Statement *(See* below). Targets are fixed on yearly basis depending upon overall availability of resources. These projects will be progressed to completion as per availability of resources in the coming years.